

INEEL Water Integration Project Meeting Minutes September 10, 2003, ID-N

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Safety Share

Erick shared some cold weather safety tips.

Action Log

The Project Executive Plan for FY04 will be completed in October.

Bob Breckenridge and Paul Wichlacz are looking at the knowledge search white paper and the needs validation and putting together a proposal for ICP and the lab to work together on research.

The Division Review committee report has not yet been received.

The date for the Groundwater Awareness Project Team meeting in Boise has been changed to October 30th.

Groundwater Awareness Project

The draft work plan for the Groundwater Awareness Project was provided as part of the handouts for the meeting. Julie Scanlin reported on progress to date and planning for FY04.

The core planning team represents a broad group of agencies and interests in Idaho including educators, technical people, irrigators, universities, and agencies (U.S. Geological Survey, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Idaho Departments of Education Water Resources, the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service). The team is very enthusiastic about the project and all agree that this is an important project.

A number of activities have already been initiated and committees formed to support the effort. The INEEL is supporting the effort, particularly on the technical and public outreach/media committees. The INEEL will assist in review of products at decision points along with the core team (e.g., an outline of technical content).

Since the overall funding for the Water Integration Project has been reduced, funding available for GAP for FY04 has been reduced. Everyone was encouraged to look at other options for funding, including the possibility of funding particular components of the project. J.D. Wulfhorst is investigating options for the evaluation portion of the project, and Jan offered to contact the Project WET program and follow up on some private options. Erick, Eric, and Marilynne will check on other INEEL possibilities – education, Communications, and lab-side possibilities as well as other agencies and organizations.

The draft work plan will need to be reworked as well as the FY04 scope of work for the University of Idaho.

Detailed Work Plan Progress

The Detailed Work Plan is still in progress. It has been decided to change the approach for the science portion to a focus on risk-based end states (as defined by DOE-HQ). The conceptual modeling work will be closed out and those efforts changed to support risk-based end state planning. There is interest in a cumulative risk tool to support end state planning.

The Source Term and Geochemistry draft documents will be reviewed and completed by early next year.

Other Business

Next meeting – Wednesday, September 17th, 1 p.m. in TSB Conference Room B.